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Bridge replacements and resurfacing awards upgrading East Central GA

TENNILLE – A good portion of the latest Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) 55 contract awards for statewide construction and maintenance projects totaling over \$171.3 million are located in East Central Georgia. Work to maintain and improve existing infrastructure includes new bridges, roadway resurfacing and safety guardrail replacement on Interstate 20.

Compliments of the state's Transportation Funding Act (TFA), five off-system bridges within the 27-county East Central District will be replaced. Off-system or local means the bridges and roads are not in the state highway system. GDOT helps local governments provide a safe and efficient transportation system through off-system projects.

The TFA-funded replacement of 25 total off-system bridges statewide – valued at over \$39.6 million - was awarded through a new bridge delivery process. The process, known as "bridge bundles," used five design-build (DB) bundled contracts that group bridges geographically and allow the contractor to efficiently streamline delivery by combining design and construction for the bridges in their bundled contract.

The bundled bridges are to be completed 1,095 calendar days after the Department gives the OK to proceed with the project.

Other major bridge replacements to be complete by spring 2018 include State Route (SR 43) over Little River in Lincoln and McDuffie counties, valued at \$14.8 million and three bridges in Laurens County, valued at almost \$4 million. The Laurens County bridges include Mount Olive Road at Sandy Creek northwest of Dublin; Coleman Register Road at Lime Sink Creek southeast of Cadwell; and Chappell Mill Road at Turkey Creek north of Montrose.

Project awards for East Central Georgia are included below. All resurfacing projects have a May 31, 2017 contract completion date.

Local Bridge Bundle Replacements

- Laurens: Jaybird Springs Road at Gum Swamp Creek Tributary, northeast of Chauncey;
- Treutlen: Union Camp Road at Red Bluff Creek, northwest of Soperton;
- Wilkes: Sandtown Road at Fishing Creek, northwest of Metasville;
- **Greene:** Copeland Road at Greenbriar Creek, southwest of Penfield;
- Morgan: Newborn Road at Little River, southwest of Rutledge

Resurfacing

- **Baldwin:** 11.142 miles of SR 49 from the Jones County line to west of SR 112/Elbert Street in downtown Milledgeville and 2.742 miles of US 441/SR 24 from north of Lakeside Drive to south of Marshall Road:
- **Burke:** 1.6 miles on SR 24 from west of SR 80 to west of SR 121/SR 56;
- **Jefferson:** SR 4 from north of SR 17 south past Quaker Road;
- **McDuffie:** SR 12 from east of Mount Pleasant Road to SR 10;
- **Richmond:** 3.57 miles on SR 121 from south of Tobacco Road to north of Lumpkin Road:
- Wilkes: 1.47 miles on SR 17 BUS from SR 17 to US 78/SR 10;

Guardrail Replacement

A \$630,000 contract will replace I-20 guardrail at 86 locations beginning at Exit 130 and ending at Exit 200. Work should be complete by May 31, 2017.

Information on schedules, lane closures and detours will be made available in advance of construction activities.

Georgia DOT's active summer construction season includes many of these projects. Know before you go. For details about summer construction, visit 511ga.org.

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